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SUBJECT Fortifications in Finnmark  
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1. Beginning on 27 Apr 54, Soviet troops dug trenches in Finnmark on a hill and along the road between Kuijvillati and Kuijajaeri, east of Holmfoss / $69^{\circ}32'N$  and  $19^{\circ}26'E$ / near the Norwegian border. The work stopped on 4 May 54.

2. The men at work did not seem to be regular field troops. The trenches, individually, were not bigger than enough to hold one company. It is supposed that the works are part of an exercises in field fortification, or part of the defense of the base and road crossing at Kontiosalmi.

3. This is the first time such work has been carried on so close to the Norwegian-Soviet border.

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